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AN ACCOUNT OF THE RISE, PROGRESS, and STATE OF THE BRITISH LYING-IN HOSPITAL FOR MARRIED WOMEN,

SITUATED

In BROWNLOW-STREET, LONG-ACRE,

From its INSTITUTION in November 1749, to December the 25th, 1757.

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The Introduction, ſhewing the Reaſons for inſtituting a Lying-in Hoſpital for Married Women.

AMIDST the Variety of Charities, which are the Diſtinction and Glory of this Age and Nation, perhaps not one has been propoſed to the Public more truly beneficial, or more extenſive in its Benefits, than an Hoſpital for Lying-in Women. It would be invidious to compare this with the many noble Inſtitutions, which in different Parts of the Town are growing Evidences of the Public Spirit and Humanity of the Times: But thus much it is natural and juſt to obſerve, that all the Arguments for eſtabliſhing any Hoſpital, are at leaſt as ſtrong, when applied to this. Poverty is an Object of Pity; Sickneſs and Poverty united, ſeem to comprehend all the natural Evils of Life: But, as it is not the Caſe of every ſick Perſon to be diſtreſſed in Circumſtances, ſo there are not many Perſons, thus diſtreſſed, whoſe Calamity it is to be frequently or periodically afflicted with Sickneſs; whereas, moſt Women that marry bear Children, and thoſe who work for their Subſiſtence, are, for a conſiderable Part of their Lives, annually diſqualified for Labour; at other Times their Labour is but a bare Support. During the latter Part

of their Pregnancy, and the Time of their Lying-in, the needy Family is wholly taken up in Attendance upon them; and the Joys, natural at ſuch a Seaſon, are ſuppreſſed by the Wants which ſurround them. Or if they be deſtitute of this Attendance, how great is the Hazard that the helpleſs Mother, or the Child, or perhaps both, may, by their Deaths, become melancholy Inſtances of the Evils of real Poverty. If, beſides, it be conſidered, that the Public is intereſted in the Life of both, as the Poor are the neceſſary Inſtruments of Eaſe and Happineſs to the Community, this Charity will be ſo far from needing a Recommendation, that it is rather Matter of Surprize, a Deſign ſo full of the mutual Love enjoined by Religion, and of the Sympathy excited by Nature, has not been hitherto executed. However it takes Place at laſt, and muſt by Degrees flouriſh, whilſt a Spirit of Charity and Benevolence prevails.—But there are ſome Perſons whom it more particularly addreſſes for Encouragement: Ladies who have experienced the Pains of Child-Birth, this Hoſpital calls upon them to remember, their own Fears and Sufferings, their Expence in providing againſt all the poſſible Accidents of their Situation, how much they felt for themſelves, how much for their Infants! what Care and Attendance they thought abſolutely neceſſary for their own Preſervation, and what Grief they underwent at the Loſs, or even the Indiſpoſition of a Child. When they recollect all this, they cannot but ſympathize

with

with the Poor in the ſame Situation, who undergo all their Fears and Sufferings, without their Comforts and Conveniences. Other Ladies who have not experienced, may yet imagine the Diſtreſſes of this Condition, and will be naturally prompted by the Tenderneſs and Compaſſion of the Sex, to contribute to its Relief. Gentlemen too, whether Fathers of Families or not, are by Motions of Humanity in general, and Affection for the Sex in particular, powerfully excited to commiſerate the Caſe of Women ſo circumſtanced.

By the Plan of this Hoſpital, every Convenience theſe diſtreſſed Objects can require, is amply provided: Commodious Apartments and Beds, good Nurſing, plain ſuitable Diet, proper Medicines, the charitable Aſſiſtance of Gentlemen of Skill and Experience in Midwifery, and on due Occaſions, the ſpiritual Comfort of a ſober and pious Divine. Theſe ſeveral Benefits they will enjoy without the leaſt Expence to themſelves, and at a Time when their Condition renders them uſeleſs, or rather a Burden to their Families at home, to which, from the Care taken of them in this Hoſpital, they will, probably, in a few Weeks, be able to return ſtrong and healthy.

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The first Institution of this Hospital in 1749—*its Progress—and its additional Name of* British *Lying-in Hospital in* 1756.

THIS Charity was instituted in November 1749, by the Name of THE LYING-IN HOSPITAL FOR MARRIED WOMEN, and the first General Meeting of the Subscribers was held on the 17th of that Month; at which Time, honoured with the Protection of his Grace the Duke of PORTLAND as President, and encouraged by the Benefactions of many worthy Subscribers; a Plan for the Establishment and Regulation of the Charity was approved, Officers appointed, Servants retained, and the House, then already taken, ordered to be furnished, and Patients received.

THE Number of Patients recommended greatly increasing, and the House being too small to contain them, it was thought absolutely necessary to enlarge the Hospital; and four small Houses contiguous to the Back of the Hospital, being offered and found to be convenient for the Charity, a Lease was taken of the said four Houses, at the yearly Rent of 50 *l.* and the Houses were repaired and laid together, agreeable to the Plan approved by the Committee.

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THIS Hoſpital retained its original Name, above-mentioned, till the Day of the Date of the following Reſolution, when the Title BRITISH was added, *viz.*

General Court of the Governors of the Lying-in Hoſpital for Married Women in Brownlow-Street, Long-Acre, April 28, 1756.

THE COMMITTEE of the Governors of this Charity, having repreſented to the GENERAL COURT this Day held at the Hoſpital, That, when this Hoſpital was firſt eſtabliſhed, it was the only ONE in Great Britain SOLELY employed for the Reception of LYING-IN WOMEN, and that it was then thought ſufficient to call it by the Name of, THE LYING-IN HOSPITAL FOR MARRIED WOMEN.—But, other Hoſpitals, of the Kind, having been ſince inſtituted, a Title of fuller Diſtinction becomes, in their Opinion, neceſſary, on ſeveral Accounts, and particularly, that Legacies may be the better aſcertained: And, the Committee apprehending that the following Title, which might with great Propriety have been taken on the firſt Eſtabliſhment of the Charity, may be as juſtly aſſumed in its preſent flouriſhing State, beg Leave to recommend to this GENERAL COURT, That, this Hoſpital be, for the future, called and diſtinguiſhed by the Name of, THE BRITISH LYING-IN HOSPITAL FOR MARRIED WOMEN.

THIS

THIS GENERAL COURT, having duly conſidered the ſaid Repreſentation, have unanimouſly reſolved,

THAT from this Time, the TITLE and DISTINCTION of this Hoſpital be, THE BRITISH LYING-IN HOSPITAL FOR MARRIED WOMEN: And that the ſaid Reſolution of this GENERAL COURT, with the Preamble, be forthwith advertiſed in the public Papers.

By Order of the Court,

THOMAS YEWD, Secretary.

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The General Plan of the Hoſpital.

A PRESIDENT, perpetual.

FOUR VICE-PRESIDENTS, choſen annually.

A TREASURER, choſen annually.

TWO PHYSICIANS and two SURGEONS, practiſing Midwifery, who viſit occaſionally, and deliver the Women in difficult Caſes.

A CHAPLAIN, who performs divine Service in the Hoſpital, baptizes the Children, Churches the Women, and does the neceſſary Duties belonging to his Function.

AN APOTHECARY, who prepares ſuch Medicines as are preſcribed, for the Women or Children.

A SECRETARY, who keeps the Accounts of the Hoſpital, attends at General Meetings and Weekly Boards, and does all ſuch other Buſineſs as is commonly done by Secretaries, Clerks or Regiſters, at other Hoſpitals.

A MATRON well ſkilled in Midwifery, who delivers the Women in eaſy, natural Labours, takes care of the Linnen, ſuperintends the Nurſes, and ſees that every Thing, neceſſary for the Women and Children, be provided, according to the Direction of the Phyſicians and Surgeons. She alſo takes care of the Proviſion and Furniture.—She has under her an ASSISTANT-MATRON.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Governors of this Charity is held every Quarter, and the ſole Power of making Laws and Rules for the Government of the Hoſpital, is lodged in the ſaid General Court.

A COMMITTEE of fifteen Governors are choſen at each Quarterly General Court, the Treaſurer for the Time being, always to be one, any Number of which may tranſact Buſineſs. They meet at the Hoſpital every Friday in the Forenoon to receive the Women recommended, and to direct the ordinary Affairs of the Houſe. Temporary Orders for the Service of the Hoſpital may be made by this Committee. But a Report of theſe, and all their other Proceedings, to be made to the Quarterly General Court. Any Governor of the Charity may be preſent at this Weekly Committee, but none have a Right of voting there, except thoſe who are Members

bers of the Committee, and the PRESIDENT, or VICE-PRESIDENTS, if preſent. The ſame Rule to extend to all other Committees.

A SPECIAL GENERAL COURT may, on a Fortnight's Notice, be called at any Time between the Quarterly Courts, either by Order of a General Court, or of the Weekly Committee, or at the Demand of the Treaſurer, or of any five of the Governors, the ſaid Demand being delivered in Writing at the Weekly Board, and ſigned with their reſpective Names. The Buſineſs of ſuch ſpecial General Court to be expreſſed in the ſaid Writing and in the Summons to the Governors.

ALL OFFICERS and SERVANTS of the Hoſpital, above the Rank of Aſſiſtant-Matron, Meſſenger or Nurſes, to be elected by Ballot, at a General Court of the Governors: And, on any Vacancy, the Day of Election for filling it up to be appointed, at leaſt one Month, and not more than Three Months, from the Day ſuch Vacancy happens, unleſs directed otherwiſe by expreſs Order of a General Court: But the inferior Servants to be appointed by the Weekly Committee.

THE QUALIFICATION of an ANNUAL GOVERNOR of this Charity is a Subſcription of THREE GUINEAS or upwards per Annum, and of a PERPETUAL GO-

VERNOR, a Payment at once of THIRTY GUINEAS, which intitles the Subſcriber to recommend, and have in the Houſe, one Woman at a Time. A Subſcription of SIX GUINEAS per Annum, or a Payment at once of SIXTY, intitles the Subſcriber to have in the Houſe two Women at a Time, and ſo in Proportion for larger Sums.—LADIES ſubſcribing the like Sums have the Privilege of recommending Women in the ſame Manner as Governors; and by an Order of the Quarterly General Court of the 6th of July, 1750, they have a Right of voting in all Elections at General Courts, for Officers and Servants, by Proxy, provided that ſuch Proxy be a Governor of this Charity; or they may ſend a Letter to the Board without a Proxy, naming the Perſon they vote for, which will be regarded as their Vote. No Governor to be Proxy for more than one Lady at a Time.—Benefactions and Subſcriptions of ſmaller Sums, than thoſe above-mentioned, will be thankfully received, and properly applied to the Uſe of the Charity.

WOMEN are received into this Hoſpital, on producing a Letter of Recommendation from a Governor, and making an Affidavit of their Marriage and their Huſband's Settlement; and where the Huſband cohabits with the Wife, it is required that he join in ſuch Affidavit, unleſs prevented by Sickneſs or ſome other reaſonable Impediment; and it is alſo required

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that the Women produce a Teſtimonial of their Honeſty and Poverty under the Hands of two ſubſtantial Houſekeepers in the Neighbourhood, where they lodge or reſide, in Caſe the Weekly Board ſhall, on Examination, doubt of their being Objects of the Charity. During their Continuance in the Hoſpital, all Neceſſaries are provided for them and their Children, at the ſole Charge of the Hoſpital. No Money or other Gratuity is to be taken of them by the Nurſes, or by any of the Officers or Servants of the Houſe, on any Pretence whatſoever.

FRIDAY being the Day appointed for the Admiſſion of Women, they are required to be at the Hoſpital by ten of the Clock in the Forenoon; no Letters of Recommendation being received after that Hour, it being neceſſary for the Diſpatch of the Buſineſs of the Hoſpital, that ſuch Letters ſhould be examined and entered by the Secretary, before the Weekly Board ſits, who enter upon Buſineſs at Eleven.

N. B. Printed Forms of the Recommendatory Letter are to be had at the Hoſpital, and Affidavits are prepared at the Hoſpital by the Secretary, *Gratis.*

Female Pupils, the Qualifications neceſſary to their Admittance, and the Methods of inſtructing them in Midwifery.

THAT this Charity might be rendered more extenſively uſeful to the Public, and that not only this great Metropolis, but the remoteſt Parts of the Kingdom, might be ſupplied with well-inſtructed and experienced Midwives, on the 25th of *June*, 1752, it was propoſed, that Female Pupils ſhould be permitted to attend Labours, under the immediate Inſpection of the Matron, and the occaſional Directions of the Gentlemen of the Faculty, who have undertaken to inſtruct them in all Matters relating to the Buſineſs of Midwifery. Which Propoſal being maturely conſidered, and the Committee having formed a Plan for regulating ſuch Pupils, the ſame was preſented to the Quarterly General Court, held the 20th of October 1752, and was then approved, and which is in Subſtance as follows, *viz.*

" THAT four Female Pupils at a Time be permitted to attend this Hoſpital, in order to their being inſtructed in Midwifery, and that they have a Right to ſtay in the Hoſpital ſix Months.

" THAT

" THAT ſuch Pupils be Widows, or married " Women, not leſs than 25 Years of Age, of ſober " Character, and to be approved of by the Com- " mittee.

" THAT they board in the Hoſpital, and dine at " the Steward and Matron's Table.

" THAT the Gentlemen of the Faculty attending " the Hoſpital, do at ſtated Times give them Lec- " tures in Midwifery, and inſtruct them how to act " in all natural and difficult Births.

" AND when they are thoroughly inſtructed and " ſufficiently experienced, they are to receive from " the ſaid Gentlemen, on their leaving the Hoſpital, " Certificates of their Qualifications."

THE Expences of their Inſtruction and of their Board in the Hoſpital have been ſettled by the ſaid General Court, the Particulars of which, any Perſons, deſirous of becoming Pupils, may be informed of, by applying to the Matron of the Hoſpital.

N. B. No Pupils of the Male Sex are permitted to attend this Hoſpital.

The Method of admitting Patients by Ballot, when more are recommended by the Governors than there are Vacancies for.

THE Annual Subſcriptions and Benefactions to this Charity being inſufficient to ſupport a general Admiſſion of all Patients recommended by the Governors, the weekly Committee were under a Difficulty in what Manner to execute the Truſt repoſed in them, with regard to the Admiſſion of Patients, ſo as not to diſoblige Governors by poſtponing their Recommendations, or to afford Suſpicion of undue Preference. And it being found on a Calculation, that the preſent Fund, conſiſtent with other neceſſary general Expences, could not relieve more than twenty Patients in a Month; the Committee on the 4th of *January* 1754 came to a Reſolution, which had the Approbation and Sanction of a General Court, held on the 16th of *January* following, THAT there ſhould be no more than forty Patients in the Houſe, and on the Liſt for Admiſſion, at the ſame Time; and that as Patients were diſcharged from the Hoſpital, the Vacancies ſhould be ſupplied in the following Manner by other Patients recommended, that every Governor might have an equal Chance for the Admiſſion of his or her Patient.

First, the reſpective Time of each Patient's Reckoning is taken by ſome of the Gentlemen of the Faculty, or by the Matron, and ſubſcribed at the Bottom of their reſpective Letters of Recommendation, *viz.* Thoſe who reckon between the 1ſt and 10th Days of the Month, incluſive, are ſet down as reckoning the Beginning of the Month; thoſe between the 11th and 20th incluſive, as reckoning the Middle of the Month; and thoſe between the 21ſt and laſt Day of the Month incluſive, as reckoning the End of the Month.

Secondly, The Secretary accordingly prepares a Monthly Liſt in three Claſſes, *viz.*

The Beginning.	Middle.	End.
A. B.	I. K.	R. S.
C. D.	L. M.	T. V.
E. F.	N. O.	W. X.
G. H.	P. Q.	Y. Z.

Thirdly, On each Board-Day the Number of Vacancies are declared, which are filled up by Patients ſtanding in the firſt Claſs. If more Patients ſtand in the firſt Claſs than there are Vacancies for, the whole Number of Patients in that Claſs ballot for the Preference, by drawing black and white Balls; for which Purpoſe as many white Balls are put into a Bag as there are Vacancies; and as many black Balls as, with the

the white Balls, make up the Number of Patients balloting.—Thoſe drawing the white Balls receive immediate Orders for Admiſſion.—Thoſe drawing the black Balls are taken in the next ſucceeding Board-Day, without balloting, if there are ſufficient Vacancies. If not, they again ballot among themſelves for the Preference, without being joined with any new recommended Patient: And ſuch of them as then draw black Balls, are in the ſame Manner referred to the next ſucceeding Board-Day; when, if not delivered at home before, they are expected to attend, or they will of courſe loſe their Turn of Admiſſion.

By this Method, there can be no Favour or Partiality ſhewn to the Recommendation of any Governor; for each Patient, with the Reſtrictions abovementioned, ballots agreeable to her Time of Reckoning, and has an equal Chance of Admiſſion with the Patients who reckon at the ſame Time, whether ſhe has or has not attended former Board Days.

A Method has been uſed by ſome Governors, to give Letters of Recommendation to Patients, two Months, or more, before the Time of their Reckoning, which has not only created great Trouble and Loſs of Time to the Patients, but diſobliged ſuch Governors, when their Recommendations have been poſtponed. To remedy which, the Governors for the future are deſired not to recommend any Patient

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till ſhe ſhall be in the laſt Month of her Pregnancy. And to prevent, as much as poſſible, ſuch Patients from impoſing on the Governor by giving a falſe Reckoning, the Governor is deſired to inform her that ſhe will be queſtioned by the Gentlemen of the Faculty, or Matron, as abovementioned; and that if any deſigned Impoſition ſhould be diſcovered, her Recommendation will be forfeited.

If any Governor ſhall think of any Method of improving the preſent Plan of admitting Patients, the Committee would take it as a Fovour, if they would tranſmit to them their Thoughts in Writing on the Subject, as their whole Views are to promote and regulate, in the beſt Manner they are able, this moſt uſeful and excellent Charity.

N. B. As the Annual Subſcriptions and Benefactions increaſe, the Number of Patients in the Houſe and on the Liſt will be augmented.

☞ It will be eſteemed a great Benefit to the Charity, if Ladies would be pleaſed occaſionally to viſit the Hoſpital, to inſpect the Management of the Women and Children. And in caſe they ſhall pleaſe to ſignify their Obſervations by Letter to the Weekly Board, they will be duly regarded.

An Account of the Women who have been delivered in the Hoſpital from the 25th of December 1756 *to the 25th of* December 1757.

Delivered and diſcharged — — — —	470
Died in the Hoſpital after Delivery — —	7
	477

Of this Number 99 were the Wives of Soldiers and Sailors, the Reſt the Wives of reduced Tradeſmen, poor Mechanics, Labourers, *&c. &c.*

☞ There are at preſent in the Hoſpital thirty one Patients, of whom twenty nine are delivered.

A General Account of the Women who have been delivered in this Hoſpital, from its firſt Inſtitution in November 1749, *to the 25th of* December 1757.

Delivered and diſcharged	—	—	—	2722
Died in the Hoſpital after Delivery	—	—		62
				2784

Of the 62 Women who have died in the Hoſpital, moſt of them came in, not only under Circumſtances of Diſtreſs and Poverty, in common with the Reſt of the Patients, but alſo afflicted with dangerous Diſorders, excluſive of their State of Pregnancy.

☞ The Children born in the Hoſpital (twenty ſix Women having had Twins) are in Number 2810, of which 99 were ſtill born.

An Account of the RECEIPTS *of this Hoſpital, from the 25th of* December 1756 *to the 25th of* December 1757.

RECEIPTS.

		£	s.	d.
1756.	Ballance in the Treaſurer's Hand at *Chriſtmas* 1756	114	9	11¾
Dec. 30,	Of a Lady unknown, a Benefaction — —	1	1	0
1757.				
Feb. 18.	Of Mrs. Wright, Ditto	1	1	0
	Of Mrs. Child, Ditto	1	1	0
March 12,	Of the Game Aſſociation by the Hands of Sir Joſ. Hankey, Ditto —	2	10	0
April 3,	Of Lady Betty Germain, D°.	10	10	0
11,	Of a Perſon unknown by the Hands of John Jackſon, Eſq; Ditto	21	0	0
26,	Of Charles Savage, Eſq; to be a perpetual Governor — — —	63	0	0
	Of Miſs Anne Brooke for D°.	31	10	0
		246	2	11¾

RECEIPTS CONTINUED.

1757.		£.	s.	d.
	Brought over — —	246	2	11¾
May 22,	Of Mrs. Reynardſon an Addition to her annual Subſcription to make her a perpetual Governor — — —	28	7	0
	Of a Perſon unknown, by the Hands of Mrs. Oakes	5	5	0
July 13,	Of a Lady unknown by the Hands of John Benet, Eſq; a Benefaction — — —	5	5	0
Aug. 25,	Of Francis Geary, Eſq; a Legacy left by the Will of Leonard Bartholomew, Eſq; —	100	0	0
Sept. 16,	Of a Perſon unknown, a Benefaction —	2	2	0
Nov. 25,	George Wroughton, Eſq; D°.	20	0	0
Dec. 17,	Of the Rev. Mr. S. White, Rector of Holton in Suffolk — —		10	6
25,	Of a Perſon unknown by the Hands of John Jackſon, Eſq;	105	0	0
		£512	12	5¾

By

RECEIPTS CONTINUED.

1757.		£.	s.	d.
	Brought over — —	512	12	5¾
	By the Charity Box	13	18	7½
		526	11	1¼
	By Annual Subscriptions	676	4	0
		1202	15	1¼

Benefactions paid into the Hands of Sir Joseph Hankey and Partners, to qualify the respective Benefactors perpetual Governors of this Charity.

1757.		£.	s.	d.	
7,	By Joseph Martin, Esq;	31	10	0	
Oct. 25.	By Mr. Daniel Pilon	31	10	0	
28,	By Edward Lewis, Esq;	31	10	0	
Dec. 23,	By Samuel Lloyd, Esq;	31	10	0	
					126 0 0
	Total				1328 15 1¼

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An Account of the PAYMENTS *of this Hoſpital, from the 25th of* December 1756 *to the 25th of* December 1757.

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
For Rent and Taxes — — — —	108	1	1
For Salaries, Wages, and Gratuities to Officers and Servants, &c. —	193	3	8
For Houſekeeping, including Baker, Brewer, Butcher, Cheeſemonger, Coal-Merchant, Grocer, Soap-boiler, Tallowchandler, &c.	667	2	11¼
For Houſhold Furniture, Linnen, &c.	107	9	4
For Stationary Wares and Printing —	36	9	4
For Medicines — — — —	28	12	0
For Burials — — — — —	6	14	0
For Repairs and Alterations — —	42	8	11
	1190	1	3¼
Balance in the Treaſurer's Hands —	12	13	10
	1202	15	1¼

1757.

Nov. 11, Paid by Sir Joſeph Hankey for 100*l.* 3½ per cent. conſolidated Bank Annuities now remaining with Sir Joſeph Hankey, and ſtanding in his Name and in the Name of Mr. John Arthur the Treaſurer, in Truſt for this Charity, in purſuance of an Order made the 4th of November 1757 for that Purpoſe, and that all Sums thereafter received for perpetual Governorſhips ſhould be veſted in 3½ per cent. conſolidated Bank Annuities.	90	2	6
Paid for Letter of Attorney to accept the ſame and receive the Dividends — — — —	0	4	0
Ballance in the Hands of Sir Joſeph Hankey and Partners — —	35	13	6
	126	0	0
	1328	15	1¼

A General Abſtract of the RECEIPTS *of this Hoſpital, from its Firſt Inſtitution in* November 1749, *to the 25th of* December 1757.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
From the firſt Inſtitution to the 25th of *December* 1756 — —	7433	16	10
From the 25th of *December* 1756 to the 25th of *December* 1757	1214	5	1½
Total	8648	1	11½

A General Abſtract of the PAYMENTS *of this Hoſpital from its Firſt Inſtitution in* November 1749, *to the 25th of* December 1757.

PAYMENTS.

		£	s.	d.
From the firſt Inſtitution to the 25th of *March* 1756 — — —	7319	6	10¼	
From the 25th of *December* 1756 to the 25th of *December* 1757 —	1190	1	3¼	
	8509	8	1½	
Balance in the Treaſurer's Hands —	12	13	10	
With Sir Joſ. Hankey and Partners, as paid for Bank Annuities and Letter of Attorney —	90	6	6	
By Caſh — — —	35	13	6	
	126	0	0	
Total	8648	1	11½	

N. B. All the Debts of the Hoſpital are diſcharged to *Chriſtmas* 1757.

The Names of the Gentlemen of the Faculty practiſing Midwifery who attend the Patients of this Hoſpital, &c. &c.

Dr. GEORGE MACAULAY,

Dr. WILLIAM HUNTER,

Mr. JOHN TORR, Surgeon,

Dr. CHRISTOPHER KELLY.

Dr. DANIEL COX, Conſulting Phyſician.

Mr. RICHARD CECIL, Apothecary.

The Rev. Mr. STEPHEN DEGULHON, Chaplain.

Mr. THOMAS YEWD, Secretary.

Mrs. FRANCES OAKES, Matron and Midwife.

Mrs. ELIZABETH JONES, Aſſiſtant Midwife.

The Names of the Bankers, &c.

SUCH Perſons, who are inclined to favour this charitable Deſign, are deſired to ſend their Subſcriptions or Benefactions to Sir JOSEPH HANKEY, and Partners, in Fenchurch-Street; to Meſſrs. CAMPBELL and COUTTS, Bankers, in the Strand; to THEODORE SYDENHAM, Eſq; oppoſite Somerſet Houſe, in the Strand, Treaſurer to the Hoſpital, or to the Weekly Committee, who meet at the Hoſpital every Friday in the Forenoon.

And to thoſe, who chuſe to be Benefactors by their laſt Will, the following Form is recommended.

Item, *I Give and bequeath unto* A B, *and* C D, *the Sum of*
upon Truſt, and to the Intent that they, or one of them, do pay the ſame, out of my perſonal Eſtate, to the Treaſurer or Treaſurers for the Time being, of a Society, who now call themſelves the GOVERNORS of the Britiſh Lying-in Hoſpital for Married Women, ſituated in Brownlow-Street, Long-Acre, London; *which ſaid Sum of*
I deſire may be applied towards carrying on the charitable Deſigns of the ſaid Society.

N. B. Bequeſts of Land, or Money or Stocks with Directions to be laid out in Land, will be void by the *Mortmain* Act.

A LIST of the Names and Places of Abode of the PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS, TREASURER, *and* GOVERNORS *of This Hoſpital.*

PRESIDENT,
His Grace the DUKE of PORTLAND.

VICE-PRESIDENTS,
Sir JOSEPH HANKEY, Knt. and Alderman,
GEORGE COOKE, Eſq;
THOMAS HILL, Eſq;
JOHN WESTBROOK, Eſq;

TREASURER,
THEODORE SYDENHAM, Eſq;

Thoſe marked thus (***) are Governors for Life; thoſe marked thus (**) are Annual Governors, ſubſcribing five Guineas, or upwards, *per Annum*; thoſe marked thus (*) are Annual Governors, ſubſcribing three Guineas *per Annum*; and thoſe marked thus (†) have ſerved the Office of Steward at the annual Feaſt.

GOVERNORS.

*** Sir Richard Adams, Knt. one of the Barons of his Majeſty's Exchequer — *Bloomſbury-Square.*
*** Mr. John Arthur — *Dean-Street, Soho.*
** Mrs. Andrews — *Queen-Square, Ormond-Street.*
* Charles Allix, Eſq; — *Gerrard-Street, Soho.*
* Lillie Smith Aynſcombe, Eſq; — *Soho-Square.*
* Mr. Samuel Anderſon — *Holywell-Street, St. Clements.*
* Dutcheſs of Argyll — *Bruton-Street.*
* Counteſs of Aſhburnham — *St. James's-Square.*
* Right Hon. Lady Anſon — *Downing-Street, Weſtminſter.*
* Mrs. Adamſon — *Norfolk-Street.*

*** Sir

B

*** Sir John Barnard, K^t. and Ald. *Broad-Street.*
*** Elias Bird, Eſq; *Roehampton, Surry.*
*** Mr. Edward Bowman *Chancery-Lane.*
*** Mrs. Beckingham *Sackville-Street.*
*** Miſs Anne Brooke *Mark-Lane.*
** Duke of Bedford *Bloomſbury-Square.*
** Earl of Bleſinton *Charles-Street, Berkley-Square.*
** Mrs. Elizabeth Byerley *Conduit-Street.*
** Mrs. B———.
† * Lord George Bentinck *Greek-Street, Soho.*
* Hon. Col. John Boſcawen *Piccadilly.*
† * Peter Burrell, Eſq; *Upper Groſvenor-Street.*
* Edward Barker, Eſq; *Dean-Street, Soho.*
* George Bowes, Eſq; *Groſvenor-Square.*
* Mr. Robert Bromfield *Gerard-Street.*
* Mr. John Barnes *Green Lattice-Lane, Canon-Street.*
* Mr. Robert Barnevelt *Thames-Street.*
* Counteſs Brook *Groſvenor-Square.*
* Lady Viſcounteſs Bateman *Cleveland Court, St. James's.*
* Hon. Mrs. Boſcawen *Admiralty.*
* Hon. Mrs. Barker *James-Street, Weſtminſter.*
* Mrs. Bowman *Chancery-Lane.*
* Mrs. Beavis *Hatton Garden.*

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*** Sir W^m. Calvert, K^t. & Ald. *Thames-Street.*
†*** Sir James Creed, Knt. *Lime-Street.*
†*** Benjamin Cox, Eſq; *Strand.*
*** Dr. Daniel Cox *Haymarket.*
*** Lady Creed *Lime-Street.*
** George Cooke, Eſq; *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields.*
** Thomas Carter, Eſq; *Chidley-Court, Pall-Mall.*
** Counteſs of Coningeſby *Hill-Street, Berkley-Square.*
† * Earl of Cardigan *Privy-Gardens.*
* Earl of Cholmondeley *Mount-Street, Groſvenor-Square.*

† * Sir John Chapman, Bart. *Charles-Street, Berkley-Square.*
* William Chapman, Esq;
* Col. John Colleton *Conduit-Steet.*
† * Mr. Charles Carlile *Pall-Mall.*
* Mr. Richard Cecil *Bloomsbury-Square.*
* Mr. Michael Combrune *Hampsted.*
* Mr. James Cecil *Brick-Court, Temple.*
* Mr. Thomas Comyn *Love lane, Aldermanbury.*
* Mr. James Cox *Shoe-lane.*
* Countess of Cardigan *Privy-Gardens.*
* Lady Dowager Carpenter *Grosvenor-Square.*
* Lady Mary Coke *Berkley-Square.*
* Lady Cust *Arlington-Street.*
* Lady Cotton *Bedfordshire.*
* Lady Croft *Kensington-Square.*
* Mrs. Crewe *Grosvenor-Street.*
* Mrs. Crop *Fenchurch-Street.*

D

*** Richard Dalton, Esq; *Cleveland-Court, St. James's.*
*** Benj. Mendes Da Costa, Esq; *Bury-Street, St. Mary-Ax.*
*** Countess of Dartmouth *Charles-Street, St. James's-Square.*
*** Lady Danvers *Hanover-Square.*
*** Mrs. Delmé *Grosvenor-Square.*
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* Col. James Durand *Cork-Street.*
† * Andrew Douglas, Esq; *Suffolk-Street.*
* Rev. Mr. Stephen Degulhon *Bentinck Street.*
† * Mr. Peter Dutens *Leicester-Fields.*
* Mr. Isaac Day *Bedford-Street, Covent-Grrden.*
* Mr. Francis De la Balle *Dean-Street, Soho.*
* Mr. Richard Duhorty *Walbrook.*
* Countess of Dalkeith *Grosvenor-Square.*
* Hon. Mrs. Drummond *Charing-Cross.*
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E

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F

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*** John Fielding, Eſq; *Bow-Street, Covent-Garden.*
*** Gilbert Fleming, Eſq; *Bath.*
†*** Gilbert Fane Fleming, Eſq; *South Audley-Street.*
†*** Aaron Franks, Eſq; *Biſhopſgate-Street.*
†*** Naphtali Franks, Eſq; *Billiter-Square.*
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** Hon. Mrs. Finch *Cavendiſh-Square.*
* Mr. John Fiſher *Aldermanbury.*
* Mr. Moſes Franks *Billiter-Square.*
* Lady Dowager Farnaby *Queen-Square, Ormond-Street.*
* Lady Camilla Fleming *South Audley-Street.*
* Mrs. Fanſhawe *Saville-Row.*
* Mrs. Franks *Billiter-Square.*
* Mrs. Fiſher *Poland-Street.*
* Mrs. Fielding *Bow-Street, Covent-Garden.*

G

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* Rev. Dr. Thomas Greene, Dean of Saliſbury } *Gerrard-Street, Soho.*
* Rev. Dr. David Gregory, Dean of Chriſt Church, Oxford } *Oxford.*
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* Anthony Gifford, Eſq; *Queen-Square, Bloomſbury.*
* Mr. Stephen Gardés *Rathbone-Place.*
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* Mr. John Goddard	*St. Chriſtopher's Church-Yard.*
* Dutcheſs of Grafton	*Bond-Street.*
* Marchioneſs of Grey	*St. James's-Square.*
* Marchioneſs of Granby	*Albemarle-Street.*
* Counteſs of Granard	*Argyll-Street.*
* Lady Mary Gregory	*Oxford.*
* Hon. Mrs. Grenville	*Upper Brook-Street, Groſvenor-Sq.*
* Mrs. Greene	*Gerrard-Street, Soho.*

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†*** Sir Joſ. Hankey, Knt. & Ald.	*Fenchurch-Street.*
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*** Mr. Henry Hankey	*Fenchurch-Street.*
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*** John Hyde, Eſq;	*Charter-Houſe-Square.*
*** Dr. William Hunter	*Jermyn-Street.*
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*** Lady Hankey	*Lime-Street.*
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* Col. Studholme Hodgſon	*Sackville-Street.*
* Col. Joſeph Hudſon	*Petty France, Weſtminſter.*
* Richard Hoyle, Eſq;	*Holborn.*
* Philip Hall, Eſq;	*Temple.*
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* Capt. Michael Hudſon	*Clarges-Street, Piccadilly.*
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†*** John Keeling, Eſq;	*Clerkenwell.*
*** William Kent, Eſq;	*at Venice.*
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***	Dr. Daniel Peter Layard	*Huntingdon.*
***	Mrs. Loubier	*Clapham.*
† *	Edward Lowry, Esq;	*Hampton, Surry.*
*	Edward Lewis, Esq;	*Old Bethlehem.*
† *	Mr. Thomas Lawrence	*Ludgate Hill.*
*	Dutchess of Leeds	*St. James's Square.*
*	Hon. Hon. Mrs. Legge	*Lincoln's-Inn-Fields.*
*	Mrs. Legge	*Downing-Street, Westminster.*
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***	Lewis Mendes, Esq;	*Crutched-Fryers.*
***	Joseph Martin	*Lombard-Street.*
***	Mr. Moses Mendes	*Coleman-Street.*
***	Lady Maynard	*Grosvenor-Square.*
***	Mrs. Magens	*Savage-Gardens, Crutched-Fryers.*
**	Earl of Mountrath	*Hyde-Park Corner.*
**	Mr. William Minett	*Fenchurch-Street.*
**	Mr. Edward Mellish	*Blith.*
**	Mr. Jacob Mendes	*Highgate.*
**	Dutchess of Marlborough	*Pall-Mall.*
† *	Lord Midleton	*Charles-Street, Berkley-Square.*
*	Lord Maynard	*Grosvenor-Square.*
*	Sir William Maynard, Bart.	*Grosvenor-Square.*
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*	David Middleton, Esq;	*Clifford-Street, Burlington-Gardens*
*	Peter Motteux, Esq;	*Charter-house-Square.*
*	Mr. Archibald Maclane	*Cheapside.*

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* Mr. Thomas Moſely — *Avemary-Lane.*
* Mr. Richard Maſcall — *Old Belton-Street.*
* Right Hon. Lady Manſel — *Upper Groſvenor-Street.*
* Hon. Miſs Manſel — *Upper Groſvenor-Street.*
* Mrs. Myddleton — *Hampſted.*
* Mrs. Mount — *St. Thomas's Hoſpital, Southwark.*
* Mrs. Montolieu — *Albemarle-Street.*
* Mrs. Mettayer — *Pall-Mall.*
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N

*** Rev. Dr. Nicolls — *Temple.*
* Dr. Robert Neſbitt — *Pater-noſter Row.*
* Miſs Jane Neville — *Pall-mall.*
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O

** Lord Biſhop of Oxford — *Deanery of St. Paul's.*

P

*** His Grace the D. of Portland — *Whitehall.*
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*** Mr. Daniel Pilon — *Wood-Street, Spittlefields.*
*** Mrs. Preſtley — *Ruſſel-Street, Bloomſbury.*
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** Lady Viſcounteſs Palmerſton — *St. James's Square.*
** Lady Heſter Pitt — *St. James's-Square.*
* Hon. Col. Geo. Lane Parker — *St. James's-Square.*
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* Counteſs Dowager of Pembroke — *Hill-Street, Berkley-Square.*
* Lady Juliana Penn — *Spring-Gardens.*
* Hon. Mrs. Pelham — *Hill-Street, Berkley-Square.*
* Mrs. Pitt — *Arlington-Street.*

R

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†*** John Rich, Eſq;	*Covent-Garden.*
*** Mr. George Reſtell	*St. Martin's-Lane.*
*** Mr. Richard Roycroft	*Pavement, St. Martin's-Lane.*
*** Mrs. Reynardſon	*Great Ormond-Street.*
** Rt. Hon. Lady Ravenſworth	*St. James's-Square.*
* Benjamin Radcliff, Eſq;	*New Ormond-Street.*
* Dr. David Roſs	*Marlborough-Street.*
* Mr. William Randell	*Queen-Hithe.*
* Mr. John Readſhaw	*Cheapſide.*
* Hon. Mrs. Rice	*George-Street, Hanover-Square.*

S

*** Hon. Col. Philip Sherard	*Clarges-Street, Piccadilly.*
*** Dr. Francis Sandys	*Great Brook-Street, Groſvenor Sq.*
*** Fane William Sharpe, Eſq;	*Bloomſbury-Square.*
†*** Joſeph Salvador, Eſq;	*Lime-Street.*
*** Charles Savage, Eſq;	*Mark-Lane.*
† ** Earl of Shaftſbury	*Groſvenor-Square.*
** Lord George Sackville	*Pall-mall.*
** Dr. Meyer Schomberg	*Fenchurch-Street.*
** Rt. Hon. Lady Geo. Sackville	*Pall-Mall.*
** Hon. Mrs. Southwell	*Spring-Gardens.*
** Mrs. Snelling	*Saville-Row.*
* Thomas Smith, Eſq;	*St. Margaret's Church-yard, Weſtm.*
* Theodore Sydenham, Eſq;	*Catherine-Street, Strand.*
* David Stone, Eſq;	*Carter-Lane, Doctors Commons.*
* Mr. Lazarus Simon	*Warnford-Court, Throgmorton-Str.*
* Mr. Humphry Sydenham	*Thrift Street, Soho.*
* Mr. James Scott	*Coventry-Street.*
† * Mr. David Salomons	*Crutched-Fryers.*
* Mr. Joſeph Salomons	*Gould-Square, Crutched-Fryers.*
* Mr. Eleazer Salomons	*Ditto.*
* Mr. John Serocold	*Love Lane, Billingſgate.*

* Mr. Charles Salkeld — *Ludgate-Hill.*
* Mr. Charles Say — *Newgate-Street.*
* Mr. Gilbert Slater — *Stepney.*
* Mr. Robert Sedgwick
* Counteſs of Stafford — *Turnham-Green.*
* Hon. Mrs. Shirley — *Half-Moon-Street, Piccadilly.*
* Mrs. Shaw — *Pall-Mall.*
* Mrs. Stone — *Privy-Gardens.*
* Mrs. Stanley — *Upper Brook-Street.*
* Mrs. Sambroke — *Dover-Street.*
* Mrs. Simon — *Warnford-Court, Throgmorton-Str.*

T

†*** Hon. Cha. Townſhend, Eſq; — *Groſvenor-Square.*
*** John Thornton, Eſq; — *Angel-Court, Throgmorton-Street.*
*** Thomas Tower, Eſq; — *Temple.*
* Thomas Tyndall, Eſq; — *Doctors-Commons.*
* Dr. Robert Taylor — *Albemarle-Street.*
* Mr. John Torr — *Oxenden-Street.*
* Mr. Packington Tomkyns — *Great Piazza, Covent-Garden.*
* Mr. William Trigg — *Wardour-Street.*
* Counteſs Dowager of Tankerville — *Bruton-Street.*
* Mrs. Taylor — *Eaſt-Sheen, Surry.*
* Mrs. Theobald — *Surry-Street, Strand.*

V

*** Mrs. Vandewall — *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields.*
* Mr. Thomas Vincent — *Berwick-Street.*
* Mrs. Vanditten

W

***	John Weſtbrook, Eſq;	*Chappel-Street, Weſtminſter.*
***	Mr. John Weſtbrook	*Dartmouth-Street, Weſtminſter.*
***	Mr. George Weſtbrook	*Ludgate-Hill.*
***	Saunders Welch, Eſq;	*Bow-Street, Bloomſbury.*
***	Hon. Mrs. Wymondeſold	
**	Miſs Mary Weſtbrook	*Chappel-Street, Weſtminſter.*
*	Lord Biſhop of Wincheſter	*Hill-Street, Berkley-Square.*
*	Col. Edmond Winn	*Woodſtock-Street, Groſvenor-Square*
† *	Jonathan Watſon, Eſq;	*Rendleſham, Suffolk.*
† *	John Webb, Eſq;	*Taunton, Somerſetſhire.*
*	John Winter, Eſq;	*Brewer-Street, Golden-Square.*
*	Mr. Deputy George Woods	*St. Mary-Hill.*
*	Mr. James Webb	*Craven-Street, Strand.*
*	Mr. John Walſh	*Catherine-Street, Strand.*
*	Mr. George Woodfall	*Charing-Croſs.*
*	Mr. John Weſt	*King-Street, Covent-Garden.*
*	Rt. Hon. Lady Willoughby De Brook	
*	Lady Fran. Hanbury Williams	*Berkley-Square.*
*	Lady Eliz. Warren	*Groſvenor-Street.*
*	Lady Warren	*Cavendiſh-Square.*
*	Hon. Lady Werden	*Charles-Street, St. James's-Square.*
*	Mrs. Whiſhaw	*Hendon, Middleſex.*
*	Mrs. Wegg	*Lincoln's-Inn-Fields.*

Y

*	Lady Yonge	*Flower-houſe, near Godſton, Surry.*
*	Hon. Mrs. Yorke	*Bloomſbury-Square.*

RULES

For Aſcertaining and Diſpatching the Buſineſs of the Weekly Committee, and for Preſerving an Uniformity in their Proceedings.

By an Order of the Committee of *July* 23, 1756.

I. THAT no new Letters of Recommendation ſhall be received at the Board after Eleven o'Clock; but the Perſons preſenting ſuch Letters after that Hour, ſhall be forthwith diſmiſſed, and ordered to attend the next Board Day.

II. That, at Eleven o'Clock, the Secretary do examine the new Letters which have been preſented, and likewiſe whether the Governors, who have ſigned them, have then any Patient, either in the Houſe, or on the General or Reckoning Liſts, and whether they have paid in their reſpective Subſcriptions, in advance, within three Months after the ſame became due; and if he ſhall find any ſuch recommending Governors to have a Patient in the Houſe, or ſtanding on the Liſts, or to be three Months in Arrear in the Payment of their Subſcription, he is then to ſend away the new recommended Patient with a Letter to ſuch Governors, to inform them, that ſhe cannot be

be received till the former Patient is diſcharged, or the ſaid Subſcription paid in.

III. That the Secretary do mark, on the Side of the accepted Recommendatory Letters, the Date of the Day when the ſame were preſented; and that they be then delivered to the Gentlemen of the Faculty attending the Hoſpital, who are to take, and ſubſcribe at the Bottom of the Letter, the Time of the reſpective Patient's Reckoning. And in Caſe of their Abſence the Matron is to do the ſame. When the Reckonings are taken, the Secretary is to enter in the Book the Names of the Patients recommended, and by whom, in Claſſes, according to their reſpective Times of Reckoning, and the printed Rules of the Hoſpital.

IV. That, at Twelve o'Clock, the Chairman of the Committee, or in his Abſence, ſome other Member, do take the Chair, and proceed to Buſineſs—and firſt, the Minutes of the laſt weekly Board are to be read.

V. That the Patients, who are to return Thanks, be then called down, and introduced one by one for that Purpoſe, and queſtioned by the Chairman, How they have been uſed in the Houſe?—Whether they have any Complaints to make againſt any of the Officers, Nurſes or Servants?—or whether any Money

or

or other Things have been taken of, or demanded from them? If any Complaint is made, the Matter thereof is to be enquired into by the Committee before the Patient goes out of the Room.—If not, a Letter for the Governor, who recommended her, is to be given to the Patient, which ſhe is to be directed to carry immediately after her Diſcharge, to acquaint ſuch Governor thereof; a Paper is alſo to be given her, to be delivered up to the Deſk, the firſt Time ſhe goes to Church, to return God Thanks for her ſafe Delivery.

VI. When theſe Patients have returned Thanks, the Secretary is to ſort the new Recommendatory Letters into their proper Claſſes, according to the printed Method of admitting Patients, and is to report to the Board the Number of Vacancies in the Hoſpital.

VII. That the Number of Vacancies be filled up by Patients ſtanding in the firſt Claſs, as ſpecified in our printed Book; and, if there are more Patients ſtand in that Claſs than there are Vacancies for, the whole Number of Patients, in that Claſs, are to ballot for the Preference of Admiſſion, agreeably to the printed Method of Balloting. Thoſe drawing the white Balls are to have immediate Orders of Admiſſion; and the Letters of thoſe, who draw black Balls, are to be marked with a (B); and the Secre-

tary is to underwrite a conditional Order for ſuch Patients to be received, if taken in Labour before the next Board Day; at which Time, if not delivered at home before, they are to be order'd to attend, or they will loſe their Turn of Admiſſion. Thoſe Patients, who have once ballotted, are to be taken in the next Board Day, if they attend, and there are ſufficient Vacancies for them.—If not, they again ballot among themſelves for the Preference, without being joined with any new recommended Patient. And, a Patient who has once balloted, and drawn a black Ball, ſhall always have the Preference of Admiſſion, before any new recommended Patient, whenever ſhe comes to the Board to claim that Favour.

VIII. No conditional Orders of Admiſſion ſhall be given to any Patient whatſoever, but to ſuch as have ballotted; and the reſt of the Patients, who cannot be admitted for want of Vacancies, ſhall be immediately ſent away, with Directions to attend the next Board Day.—And thoſe Patients, who are to receive abſolute or conditional Orders, are to ſtay to make their Affidavits of their Marriage and of the Huſband's Settlement, which are to be filled up by the Secretary *gratis*.

IX. When the Buſineſs of Admiſſion, Ballotting, and Diſcharging the Patients is over, the Committee may conſider any general Buſineſs relating to the Charity.

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X. Two Gentlemen of the Committee are to viſit the Wards, and, firſt directing the Nurſes to withdraw, they are to enquire of the Patients whether they have any Complaints to make, either againſt the Officers, Nurſes, or Servants; or concerning the Quantity or Quality of the Proviſions, or any other Matter; and they are to report the Reſult of their Enquiry to the Board. And if there is any Complaint, the Committee are forthwith to examine into it, and make ſuch Order therein, as they ſhall think fit.

XI. Before the Board breaks up, the Steward and Matron are to be called in, and aſked whether any thing is wanting for the Service of the Houſe or Patients, and whether they have any Complaints againſt the Nurſes or other Servants; and the Committee are to take Cognizance of ſuch Complaints, and make neceſſary Orders therein. And, if any Patient has been in the Houſe above a Fortnight, and not delivered, the Matron is to report the ſame, and the Committee are to diſcharge or continue ſuch Patient, as they ſhall judge proper.

XII. The Buſineſs of the Committee being over, the Chairman is to adjourn the Board.

*** In this Order, and by theſe Rules, the Buſineſs of the Weekly Board ſhall be carried on.—But any

any Perſon having a Patient to recommend to the Hoſpital, whoſe Reckoning is out, on ſending a Subſcription of Three Guineas or upwards, ſuch Patient will receive an immediate Order to be admitted into the Houſe; and the ſame Regard will be paid to any Subſcribers firſt recommended Patient, notwithſtanding the Rules abovementioned.

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